

Service Committee Meeting Minutes

April 5, 2009

Meeting began at 2:00p.m. with a moment of silence followed by the Serenity Prayer.

"The 12th Concepts of Service," and "The Service Prayer" were read.

New GSR's

- Mandy F Clean and Crazy in Castle Rock
- Michelle W Evergreen
- Jason N. Gateway to Serenity

New GSR Alternates

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MONTHLY ANNOUNCEMENTS

- ➤ NEXT MHASC MEETING: May 3, 2009 2:00 pm to 5:00 pm
- ➤ NEXT MHASC GUIDELINE MEETING: May 3, 2009 @ 12:30 pm
- Please submit your group donations to the Treasurer within the first hour of this meeting.
- Please submit literature orders, they are only taken until the break of the meeting.
- When submitting group donations, please write the name of your group on checks. If you are not sure of the amount, do not estimate; wait until you get the exact total before completing the check.

Approval of November Minutes - Approved

ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER'S REPORTS

Chairperson's Report: Not present

Vice-Chairperson's Report:

It is okay for us as an Area Service Committee to have a vision of what we as an Area would like to see happen. Many great things have taken place in the last two years to help us take a look a where we could go.

There have also been many opportunities that we missed taking advantage of. Why, I believe there are many reasons, fear, lack of initiative and apathy play a big part.

When I first visited Colorado in 1989 there were three Areas in metro Denver, now one.

So I'm suggesting, as Trusted Servants, we take a look around at our groups for ideas. Bring them to area for discussion during Open Sharing. That after all is the reason we're here, to help this Fellowship grow.

Thanks for letting me be of service, I hope I passed my audition. In Loving Service,

Mac

303.217. 0999 (hgmcaveniaiii@aol.com)

Secretary's Report: amend to include Concept Training March 8, 2009 – 2:00 pm to 5:00 pm

Treasurer's Report: see attached

Visitors: Marion – Breckenridge Here and Now

RCM:

Mile High Area - April 2009

The April Regional Assembly will be this Saturday April 18th @ 3700 Baseline Road in Boulder from 10:00 am until 4pm. GSR orientation will begin at 9:30 am. There will be three (3) proposals to be voted on by GSRs as well as several regional service positions. These include: Secretary, Treasurer, Public Information Chair, and Hospitals & Institutions Chair, as well as the vacant literature resource position, and two budget sub-committee positions. A copy of the three proposals to be decided upon is available on the back table. They can also be viewed at the regional web site. I encourage all GSRs to attend the assembly.

Our Regional Delegate and alternate attended the workshops in Oakland last month. One item of concern to the fellowship is a pending increase in postage on all literature orders of less than \$ 500. The WSO has not increased postage fees in ten years. We encourage ongoing discussion regarding our Seventh Tradition.

For more detailed information you can review regional minutes @ NACOLORADO.ORG or speak with me or Joann D. Brian S.

GROUP REPORTS:

Group: Ain't Dead Yet

Group Service Representative: Jenne T

Meeting Location & Time: 8085 East Hampden – See meeting list

Average Attendance: 35

Average Number of Newcomers: 3 - 4

Day of Group Conscious: Last Sunday of the month

Report: Memorial Day Picnic - May 25, 2009, noon to 5:00 pm. Please pass the word.

How can the MHASC assist your group?:

Group: Chairs Choice

Group Service Representative: Jody R.

Meeting Location & Time: 1450 Airport Blvd., Tuesday and Thursday – 7:30 pm

Average Attendance: 10

Average Number of Newcomers: 2

Day of Group Conscious:

Report: The meeting is doing well. Attendance is up and we are having a strong message shared.

How can the MHASC assist your group?: Announce our meeting.

Group: Evergreen Meeting

Group Service Representative: Michelle W.

Meeting Location & Time: 3757 Ponderosa Drive, Evergreen. Saturday, 7:00 pm.

Average Attendance:

Average Number of Newcomers:

Day of Group Conscious:

Report: We had our first meeting 4/4/09. Due to the bad weather, only 2 addicts were present. I am looking forward to serving this new group. Attendance should rise with the nicer weather.

How can the MHASC assist your group?: Need a group starter kit.

Group: Gateway to Serenity

Group Service Representative: Jason N.

Meeting Location & Time: 14700 East Mississippi, Aurora. Wednesday 7:00pm.

Average Attendance: 10

Average Number of Newcomers: 2

Day of Group Conscious:

Report: Meeting is growing and has steady attendance.

How can the MHASC assist your group?: Please announce meeting.

Group: Humble Lights

Group Service Representative: Spencer

Meeting Location & Time: 12755 West Cedar Dr., Tuesday 6:30 pm

Average Attendance: 20

Average Number of Newcomers:

Day of Group Conscious: Last Tuesday before area

Report: Baby sitting

How can the MHASC assist your group?:

Group: Solo Por Hoy

Group Service Representative: Al G.

Meeting Location & Time: 1395 South Sheridan, 7:30 pm

Average Attendance: 4 - 5

Average Number of Newcomers: 0

Day of Group Conscious: Last Saturday of the month

Report: Attendance is still minimal. We have yet to have a newcomer who does not speak English. We have found out that there is a Spanish speaking meeting in Greeley 4 nights a week that started up around the same time as us. Members of Solo Por Hoy plan a trip up to Greeley this week to meet with them and hopefully start supporting each other.

How can the MHASC assist your group?: Keep announcing at meetings that our meeting exists. Please make an attempt to attend one of our meetings. Recruit a Spanish speaking addict to come to our meeting.

Group: Southern Serenity

Group Service Representative: Shawn C. **Meeting Location & Time:** 11805 S. Pine Dr.

Average Attendance: 25

Average Number of Newcomers: 3 - 5

Day of Group Conscious: Last Thursday of the month

Report: Meeting is going very well. We started a 3rd meeting on Fridays 7:30 pm to 8:45 pm. Also, we have decided to

start a birthday meeting on the first Thursday of every month. Trial period for 6 months to see how it works.

How can the MHASC assist your group?:

Group: Keeping it Clean

Group Service Representative: Ozzie C.

Meeting Location & Time: 1693 N. Quentin St., Aurora. 6:15, Sunday

Average Attendance: 8

Average Number of Newcomers: 4

Day of Group Conscious: Last Sunday of the month

Report: We are in our 5th month

How can the MHASC assist your group?: We are in need of home group members and help with service positions. Currently there are only 2 home group members filling all positions.

Group: Clean and Crazy in Castle Rock **Group Service Representative:** Mandy F.

Meeting Location & Time: 3737 New Hope Way, Castle Rock. Fridays, 7:30

Average Attendance: 11

Average Number of Newcomers: 1

Day of Group Conscious: Last Friday of the month

Report: New meeting needs support. Met for 2 Fridays, average 11 people. Open discussion

How can the MHASC assist your group?: Need support and new meeting packet.

SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS

CRCNA Liaison: Mark M – no report at time of meeting minute distribution

Activities Subcommittee: Event will be changed

Hospitals and Institutions:

The H&I Subcommittee met last on March 8th with 23 in attendance. We had 6 new volunteers who went through training and are ready to begin H&I service work.

We continue to work on innovations and information to attract new volunteers to H&I as well as to help retain and mentor the volunteers we now have. We are working on an interactive map that will have both descriptions of the facilities we go into as well as driving directions to each facility. Our hope is to give everyone a better idea of the who, what and where of the H&I facilities. As we move forward we will be doing more in the areas of leadership continuity, panel coordinator training and coaching in public speaking.

Our first draft of the H&I Guideline changes is now ready for the subcommittee to review. We will be reviewing this document at our next meeting and hope to be able to submit the new H&I Guidelines to the Area in May.

We had an information table at the Unity Day event on March 28th and did pick up a few new volunteers as well as give out information and flyers to many other people.

We have had a few more requests for new H&I Meetings but have put them on hold at the present time. We are staying in touch with all of these facilities and will begin meetings as soon as we feel we are comfortably able to do so.

The next H&I Meeting will be held today at 5pm after the Area meeting due to next Sunday being Easter Sunday. The next H&I training will be held next month on May 10th, at 5pm, here at 1212 Mariposa. There are H&I Facilities Lists, Training Flyers and Guest Speaker Sign up sheets on the back table. The H&I Facilities List and Training Flyer can also be found on the website.

I am Grateful to be of Service!

Valery M.

MHASC H&I Chair

Literature Subcommittee:

We met the 2nd Sunday last month. Jim and Chris E. were the only attendees. We will meet again next month to complete an on hand inventory and continue brainstorming idea to streamline and simplify the ordering process for GSR's and myself. We will create a "back ordered" form for GSR's to take in order to keep track of the back ordered items. I will be keeping order forms for accounting purposes.

Outreach Subcommittee: No Report

Phone Line Subcommittee:

April 3, 2009

I'd like to begin my report by saying the first month has been interesting to say the least.

I have spent the first month mostly deciphering who or if someone was covering each shift my findings were 10 shifts were not being covered at all, one shift was being covered by a gentleman who had moved to California 18 months ago. He had informed whomever that he was moving by email and never got a response so he continued to cover the shift directing addicts in Colorado to meetings from California I thanked him for his service apologized on behalf of Mhasc phone line and took over the shift myself. I have been able to get all but 3 of the extra shifts covered. I would like to ask for the help from some women in the program that would be willing to serve as resource panel to refer women calling the phone line to

I also have spent a large amount of time coming up to speed with the existing system it has many quirks and is not user friendly. The system crashed for two weeks, volunteers were not able to sign on manually golden voice had to log each person in to the system per their designated shift

which gave everyone a taste of how our new system will function when it is up and running.

I have been talking with Paul with Accessline the company that we decided to be our service provider for the new system I have become familiar with their system as well as some of what else is on the market. I have some concerns as to if it is exactly what we need. For \$69.00 the price that was quoted we would get 3000 minutes a month, 5 menus, 5 bulletins, 5 extensions, 5 hunt groups and 1 general voice message box . We currently use the equivalent of 6 menus, 19 bulletins, and 3 voice message boxes; this is only for meetings in English. We can buy blocks of 5 extra menus and bulletins for 5 dollars more a month by my calculations we would need four times as many bulletins twice as many menus and at least two more voice message boxes which are \$ 9.00 each. That is \$ 42.00 more a month that was not originally estimated. Putting the total monthly charge at \$111.00

An additional concern that I have is the minute usage. In March we used 1800 minutes on the current system that was everything from logging on to people seeking information. With the new system we will accrue minutes any time someone calls plus the duration of any live connections. Accessline offers an unlimited minute plan for \$79.99 a month and we would still need the additional \$42.00 of services

This adds up to about \$120.00 a month. These oversights may have a better solution I will need more time to find it. At this time I would like to ask everyone to announce the need for trusted servants on phone line I can be reached via email Denvernaphoneline@hotmail.com or telephone me @ 720-217-2045

In loving service Joseph C.

Public Information Subcommittee:

There were 8 in attendance at our meeting 4/3/09. Looking to do more Spanish outreach -25 posters in Spanish. 200 posters needed to be distributed - meeting 5/2/09 at noon - Colfax and Mariposa Starbucks. We will be reaching out to the human services - Denver, Adams and Jefferson counties and getting in touch with PO offices.

PSA – gave 2 tapes to Fox and Channel 4 – these were formatted correctly, but no room yet.

Discussion in regards to Spanish TV and radio.

Jason H.

Training Subcommittee: Not present

Website Subcommittee:

Mile High Area Service Committee – Web Committee Report – April 2009 Date: 4 April 2009 Meeting Location & Time: Called by request

Report:

I delivered 1500 Mile High Area meeting lists at the MHASC meeting. I delivered 100 Colorado Region meeting lists to Area Subcommittee chairs.

Meeting list changes:

Added meetings

Friday 7:30 pm Southern Serenity — O,D,WA,75min - 11805 S Pine Dr, Parker (downstairs, .5mi S of Hilltop)
Friday 7:30 pm Clean and Crazy in Castle Rock — O,D - 3737 New Hope Way, Castle Rock (church, Meadows Pkwy and Prairie Hawk Dr)

Saturday 7:00 pm Evergreen — O,D - 3757 Ponderosa Dr, Evergreen (across from grocery)

Edited meetings

Saturday 7:00 pm 12 Alarm Recovery — O,D,SP,90min - 1959 N Hwy 83, Franktown (parker rd @ firehouse museum, SP every 1st Sat)

Note: Start time changed from 7:30pm to 7:00pm

There are currently 59 groups holding 109 meetings per week on our meeting list.

I added an email signup on the Outreach page of the website for the new Outreach newsletter.

The website email (milehina@nacolorado.org) received a request about starting a meeting in Castle Rock which was forwarded to Outreach and some members from southern meetings. I also received a request from a movie production company asking to use an NA keytag or coin as a prop. I forwarded the request to NA World Services who said they regular process for dealing with such requests.

There is a meeting list update sheet going around, please return it to me.

If any MHASC Subcommittee chairs or administrative committee members need changes made to their webpage then please talk to me at the break. If any group wants a flyer posted on the events page or the speaker meeting page then please email those to me well in advance of your event.

This report was forwarded to the Regional web servant and the MHASC members.

Thank you for allowing me to serve,

Mike H. - MHA Web Chair

Ad Hoc Achieves Scanning:

We did not meet this month. We are trying to hook up with Lindsay this month for one more look in the storage. Inventory of everything we have found will be presented next month.

SHARING SESSION:

• Sharing in meetings – individuals that come to open meetings that are not seeking recovery and wanting to share

Drug problem welcome...participates by listening if not an addict. We can direct someone not sure Sharing in meetings about multiple sponsorship for specific substance

Groups are autonomous – if an issue, state in pre-amble

See Bulletin #15 -

Groups uphold atmosphere is harmony with traditions

➤ Phone line – research other options regarding change in phoneline carriers – slow down, be calculated regarding what we do – see what else is available

Joseph's information was presented for informational purposes only

Kent would suggest that we fill committee positions so decisions are not made by a committee of 1

Trust subcommittee chair to research options and go with his recommendations

Accessline will not serve our needs based upon the price quoted

Budget / money

Spent 831.47 of prudent reserve due to lack of funds 2nd concept / 11th concept – fund flow Based upon donations – paid contractual items, H& I and P & I

ACTION ITEMS:

Rent at Mariposa – is it for all day or block of time – Mac

OLD BUSINESS:

June elections

NEW BUSINESS:

Motion:

Requested by:

Seconded by:

Proposal:

Intent:

Disagree:

Motion:

DISBURSEMENT OF FUNDS:

Closing Literature Report:

Detailed Report Attached

Closing Treasurer's Report:

Detailed Report attached

Adjournment:

Paul U.	1
Paul U.	1
Paul U.	1
Bob P.	1
Marion K	1
Barbara	1
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Mandy	1
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SUNDAY SCHOOL		1
SURRENDER IN RECOVERY		
SURRENDER TO WIN	Michel G.	1
TAKE THE HIGHWAY		
TGIF		
THIS AINT THERAPY		
TOGETHER WE CAN		
UPTOWN STEPPERS		
WAKE UP CALL	Debby H.	1
WELCOME HOME		
WOMENS TOUCH		
YOUNG AT HEART	Sarahe	1
Total GSR's in attendance		28
Total GSR's in attendance		
Chair	Alan	
Vice Chair	Mac M.	1
Secretary	Patty	1
Treasurer	Janet	1
RCMI	Joann	1
RCMII	Brian	1
Activities	Lindsay B.	1
CRCNA		1
H & I	Valerie	1
Literature	Scott	1
Outreach	Ron T	1
Phone Line	Angela	1
PI	Jason	
Training	Torri	
Website	Mike	1

MILE HIGH AREA TREASURERS REPORT - APRIL 2009

INCOME		
GROUP DONATIONS 12 ALARM RECOVERY		THE STREET
5TH TRADITION	\$	14.46
A WAKE UP CALL	Ť	11.10
A WAY OUT		
A WOMAN'S TOUCH		
AIN'T DEAD YET	\$	46.13
BLUES BREAKERS		110.01
BRING YOUR OWN LUNCH BUCK NAKED RECOVERY	\$	110.81
BYOG	\vdash	
CHAIR'S CHOICE		
CLEAN & SERENE		
CONTINUED DEFLATION	\$	36.00
DON'T KNOW DIDDLY/ UNCONSCIOUS	\$	200.11
EARLYBIRDS	-	
FREE AT LAST FREE ON THE OUTSIDE		
GATEWAY TO SERENITY		
GIMME THE TEXT/GIMME THREE STEPS	\vdash	
GOLDEN GROUP		
HAPPY HOUR		
HOPE WITHOUT DOPE		
HOW		10.00
HUMBLE LIGHTS IT'S YOUR HIGHWAY	\$	19.00
JUST CAN'T MISS IT	\vdash	
KEEP IT SIMPLE	\vdash	
LIVING PROOF	\$	10.00
MEET'N UP NORTH	\$	30.00
MORE WILL BE REVEALED		
NA MATINEE		
NAFL	-	
NATURAL HIGH	\vdash	
NEW BEGINNINGS NIGHT OWLS	\vdash	
NO STATIC FOR THE ADDICT		
PAPER SHOES		
PEACE OUT WEST		
POLITICS MAKES STRANGE BEDFELLOWS		
PRIMARY PURPOSE		100.00
RAY OF LIGHT	\$	129.00
RECOVERING IN PRINCIPALS RIDERS IN RECOVERY	\vdash	
SATURDAY NIGHT LIVE		
SISTERS IN RECOVERY	\vdash	
SOMETHING DIFFERENT		
SOUGHT THROUGH PRAYER/MEDITATION		
SOUTHERN SERENITY		
SPARE TIME	-	
SPOONS ARE FOR COFFEE	-	
STEP INTO IT SUNDAY SCHOOL		
SURRENDER & RECOVERY		
SURRENDER TO WIN	\$	40.00
T.G.I.F.		
TAKE THE HIGHWAY		
THIS AINT THERAPY		
TOGETHER WE CAN	-	
TRADITIONS STUDY	-	
TURNING POINT UNDERGROUND RECOVERY	\vdash	
UPTOWN STEPPERS	1	
WE DO RECOVER		
WELCOME HOME		
WOMENS TOUCH		
YOUNG AT HEART		
5280		605.54
TOTAL GROUP DONATIONS	\$	635.51

OTHER INCOME	Mark Ball
RETURN OF DEPOSIT FOR ACTIVITIES	
ACTIVITIES	
PI	
LITERATURE	
TOTAL OTHER INCOME	\$ -

1	TOTAL INCOME FOR THE MONTH	\$ 635.51

English Sand	EXPENS	ES	AND STREET	
CHECK #	DESCRIPTION		SAMPLE DAG	AMOUNT
2118	FED-EX KINKOS (LINDSAY B)	VOID		
2119	SEE LITERATURE REPORT			
2120	SEE LITERATURE REPORT			
2121	DICP (AREA RENT)		\$	50.00
2122	DICP (SUB-COMMITTEE RENT)		\$	50.00
2123	PUBLIC STORAGE (RENT)		\$	48.00
2124	TERESA K. (OUTREACH)	VOID		
2125	LINDSAY B. (ACTIVITIES)	VOID		
2126	LINDSAY B. (ACTIVITIES)	VOID		
2127	MIKE H. (MEETING LISTS)	VOID		
2128	BRIAN S. (RCM COPIES)		\$	9.49
2129	OFFICE DEPOT (SPANISH POSTE	ERS)	\$	98.00
2130	UPS STORE (MAC - COPIES)	VOID		
2131	MARK (ACTIVITIES - COPIES)	VOID		
2132	UPS STORE (MAC - COPIES)		\$	28.67
RTRN	RETURNED CHECK(S)			
BNK CHG	RETURNED CHECK FEE(S)			
EFT	QWEST		\$	69.38
TRANSFER	H&I		\$	399.58
TRANSFER	PI		\$	157.08
TOTAL EXP	ENSES FOR THE MONTH		\$	910.20

	SUMMAR	Y	
	BEGINNING BALANCE	\$	1,098.00
	TOTAL INCOME	\$	635.51
	TOTAL EXPENSES	\$	(910.20)
	ENDING BALANCE	\$	823.31
EMERG	ENCY RESERVE	\$	(1,098.00)
TRUE E	BALANCE	\$	(274.69)

BEGINNING BALANCE: \$ 2,678.72

MILE HIGH AREA LITEREATURE REPORT - APRIL 09

INCOME			
GROUP DONATIONS		10.10	
12 ALARM RECOVERY	\$	12.10	
5TH TRADITION A WAKE UP CALL	\$	64.79	
A WOMAN'S TOUCH	- 5	73.87	
AIN'T DEAD YET	\$	250.07	
BLUES BREAKERS	4	250.87	
BRING YOUR OWN LUNCH	\$	100 EE	
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BUCK NAKED RECOVERY	+		
BYOG		00.00	
CHAIR'S CHOICE	\$	86.90	
CLEAN & SERENE	+-		
CLEAN WITH AN ALTITUDE	-		
CONTINUED DEFLATION	\$	39.44	
DON'T KNOW DIDDLY/ UNCONSCIOUS MEETING	\$	43.89	
EARLYBIRDS	+		
FREE AT LAST	-		
FREE ON THE OUTSIDE	+		
GATEWAY TO SERENITY	\$	8.91	
GIMME THE TEXT/GIMME THREE STEPS	\$	36.50	
GOLDEN GROUP	\$	32.67	
HAPPY HOUR			
HOPE WITHOUT DOPE			
HOW			
HUMBLE LIGHTS	\$	34.75	
T'S YOUR HIGHWAY			
JUST CAN'T MISS IT			
KEEP IT SIMPLE			
KEEPING IT CLEAN	0.1		
LIVING PROOF	\$	77.97	
MEET'N UP NORTH			
MORE WILL BE REVEALED			
NA MATINEE			
NAFL			
NATURAL HIGH			
NEW BEGINNINGS			
NIGHT OWLS			
NO STATIC FOR THE ADDICT			
PAPER SHOES			
PEACE OUT WEST			
POLITICS MAKES STRANGE BEDFELLOWS			
PRIMARY PURPOSE	\$	91.50	
RAY OF LIGHT			
RECOVERING IN DENVER			
RECOVERY IN PRINCIPLES	+		
RIDERS IN RECOVERY			
SATURDAY NIGHT LIVE	\$	110.50	
SISTERS IN RECOVERY	1	. , 0.00	
SOMETHING DIFFERENT			
SOUGHT THROUGH PRAYER AND MEDITATION			
SOUTHERN SERENITY	\$	195.80	
SPOONS ARE FOR COFFEE	1	,55.00	
STEP INTO IT	+		
SUNDAY SCHOOL	_		
SURENDER & RECOVERY	+		
SURRENDER TO WIN	\$	153.78	
T.G.I.F.	- P	133.70	
TAKE THE HIGHWAY	+		
	\$	47.52	
THIS AINT THERAPY	-	47.52	
TOGETHER WE CAN TRADITIONS STUDY	+		
	+		
TURNING POINT	+		
UNDERGROUND RECOVERY	+		
UPTOWN STEPPERS	+		
WELCOME HOME	+		
WOMENS TOUCH	-		
YOUNG AT HEART	\$	24.80	
ORCHARD CLUB	-		
SPARE TIME	-		
PERSONAL ORDERS	\$	222.99	
TOTAL GROUP DONATIONS	\$	1,798.10	

OTHER INCOME	
H&I	\$ 399.58
PI	\$ 157.08
TRAINING	
TOTAL OTHER INCOME	\$ 556.66
TOTAL INCOME FOR THE MONTH	\$ 2,354.76

CHECK #	DESCRIPTION	AMOUNT	
	WSO (LITERATURE ORDER)		
2119	LITERATURE ORDER	\$	848.60
2120	LITERATURE ORDER	\$	2,640.09
OTAL EVI	PENSES FOR THE MONTH		3.488.69

 SUMMARY	
BEGINNING BALANCE	\$ 2,678.72
TOTAL INCOME	\$ 2,354.76
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$ (3,488.69)
ENDING BALANCE	\$ 1,544.79

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WORLD SERVICE BOARD OF TRUSTEES BULLETIN #15

Open and closed NA meetings

This article was generated by the World Service Board of Trustees in August 1987 in response to the needs of the fellowship. This bulletin was revised during the 1995-1996 conference year.

Our purpose in addressing open and closed NA meetings is to help NA members understand precisely what NA meetings can offer to both addicts and non-addicts. There are different types of NA meetings which serve different purposes. Communication from the fellowship has revealed the need to understand what role the different types play in carrying our message.

The population at large is gaining an increased awareness of our fellowship, and has an increased interest in our meetings. The board of trustees has received reports of confusion arising when interested non-addicts or people who are not sure if they are addicts attend NA meetings. This confusion can be magnified when these individuals participate in our meetings.

Our message of recovery in meetings can be clouded or diluted when people such as parents, spouses, therapists, members of other fellowships, or others who are not NA members share or speak at NA meetings.

We always encourage respect, tact, and diplomacy when confronted with circumstances where non-addicts attend regular NA meetings. Most of these occasions do not present continuing problems for our groups. However, with continued growth and increased awareness about NA, all of us must look ahead. It is our belief that, by gaining clarity about open and closed NA meetings, our members can be prepared to carry the message of recovery from drug addiction to addicts, as well as sharing our message to others who are interested.

The World Service Board of Trustees recommends the following guidelines and definitions:

- A Narcotics Anonymous meeting, whether it is open or closed, is a refuge for addicts. It is
 intended to be a safe and beneficial place where an addict can hear about and participate in
 recovery from the disease of drug addiction. As much as we might like to, we cannot be all
 things to all people.
- 2. A closed meeting in Narcotics Anonymous is for those individuals who identify themselves as addicts or for those who are uncertain and think they might have a drug problem. A closed Narcotics Anonymous meeting provides a freedom that is necessary for more personal and intimate sharing by Narcotics Anonymous members. It does so by providing an atmosphere in which addicts can feel more certain that those attending will be able to identify with them, and share their own experience, strength, and hope.
- 3. An open meeting is an NA meeting that may be attended by anyone (e.g., judges, probation officers, professionals, family members) interested in how we have found recovery from the disease of addiction. Verbal participation, however, is limited to NA members only. An open meeting in Narcotics Anonymous allows people from outside of the fellowship to observe what Narcotics Anonymous is and how it functions. This can be very helpful to those individuals who are striving to reach a decision regarding their personal status as an addict. An open meeting in Narcotics Anonymous is one method our groups use to achieve their primary purpose of carrying the message to the addict who still suffers. Some groups also have open meetings as a way of allowing non-addict friends and relatives of NA members to celebrate recovery anniversaries with them.
- Our service structure provides an avenue for non-addict participation in Narcotics Anonymous. In addition to recognizing the need for and value of non-addict trustees (A Guide to World Services

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in NA) and non-addict special workers (Tradition Eight), the fellowship has approved material (A Guide to Public Information) which provides for public information community meetings. These meetings are the vehicle for service committee efforts which are aimed at communicating information about our fellowship to the general public. These are not regular NA meetings, and they are the preferred approach to informing the general public about Narcotics Anonymous. This approach avoids confusion, presents no threat to anonymity, does not affect the NA message in regular meetings, and allows us to continue our recovery and service while at the same time meeting the needs of non-addicts who are interested in NA.

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Hospitals & Institutions Mile High Area Subcommittee

Meets: 2nd Sunday each month 5:00 - 6:30 p.m. @ 1212 Mariposa St. Denver

Revised: April 1, 2009

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Six Months Clean Time **Background Check Required**

Arapahoe House - Thornton Where: Federal Correctional Institute - Littleton Where: Address: 8801 Lipan St 80260 Address: 9595 W. Quincy Ave 80123

When: Every Monday 7:30 - 8:30 pm When: 1st & 3rd Fridays at 7:15 PM Contact: Rosalinda F. 303-287-2398 Who: Males, 2 yrs clean, off paper

Contact: Allen F. 303-287-2398

Where: Parker Valley Hope - Parker Where: Jefferson County Jail -Address: 200 Jefferson County Pkwy 80401 Address: 22422 E Mainstreet

When: 1st/ 3rd Sunday 7:30-8:30pm When: Females: Every Thursday 7:30 p.m. Males: Every Thursday 7:15 p.m. Contact: Tim H. 303-601-2582

Who: Male/Female, 2 yrs clean, 2 - 5 yrs off paper

Contact: (Males) George D. 303-881-6904 Where: I.C.C.S. -Lakewood Address: 1651 Kendall St. 80214 Contact: (Females) Rosalinda F. 303-287-2398

When: Every Friday 7:00 - 8:00 p.m.

Contact: Patty P. 303-501-7841 Marvin Foote Adolescent - Englewood Address: 13500 E. Fremont Place 80112 Where: When: 1st & 3rd Sunday 7:00 - 8:00 pm The Haven at Fort Logan - Denver

Address: 3630 W. Princeton Circle 80236 Who: Males over 21, I yr clean, Restrictions Apply

Where:

When: 2nd & 4th Thursday 7:00 - 8:00 p.m. Contact: (POSITION OPEN) Contact: Brandy J.

Where: Ridgeview - Watkins, CO 80137

Address: 28101 E. Quincy Ave Mom's House at Fort Logan - Denver Where: Address: 3678 W. Princeton Circle When: 1st and 3rd Monday at 7:30pm 80236

When: 1st & 3rd Thursday 8:00 - 9:00 p.m. Who: Male, over 21, 2 yr clean, Restrictions Apply

Contact: Brandy J. Contact: Lou S. 303-587-4248

Where: Cottonwood - Arvada (female only) Where: **Denver Women's Correctional Facility - Denver**

Address: RESTRICTED Address: 5000 Kingston St 80239

When: Every Friday 7:00 - 8:00 PM When: Every Monday 7:00 - 8:00 pm

Contact: Marilou L. 720-318-4924 Who: Females only, 2 yrs clean, DOC Clearance

Contact: Tracey T. 303-501-7280 Where: Salvation Army - Denver (male only)

Address: 4751 Broadway 80216 Where: Denver County Jail - Denver 80239

Every Tuesday 7:30 - 8:30 p.m. When: Address: 10500 Smith Road (Home) 303-688-1174 Contact: Bob P. When: Females: Every Wednesday 7:30pm - 8:30pm+G7

Males: Every Tuesday 8:00 - 9:00 p.m. (in Chape (Cell) 720-244-0818

Males: (2nd meeting): 2nd & 4th Wednesday, 7:00 - 8:00

Denver Health Medical Center - Denver in Building 22, 2nd Floor

Address: 777 Bannock St 80204 Who: Male/Female, 2 yrs clean, 2 yrs from last arrest

When: Every Monday 8:00 p.m. 9:00 p.m. Contact: (Males) Kirk S. 720-732-0700

Contact: (Females) Sam C. 303-905-7469 Contact: Lou S. 303-587-4248

Where:

Where: Jefferson Hills - Aurora (female only)

Address: 1290 S. Potomac St 80012 Where: **Douglas County Jail - Castle Rock**

1st & 3rd Wednesday 6:00pm-7:00pm Address: 4000 Justice Way When: 80104 Contact: Lorraine H. 720-984-4791 When: Males: 1st Tuesday 7:00pm - 8:00pm

Contact: (Males) Jim G. (Cell) 720-363-7426

(Home) 720-851-8321

Six Months Clean Time

Where: Excelsior Youth Center - Aurora
Address; 15001 E. Oxford Ave. 80014

When: 2nd & 4th Tuesday at 7:00 p.m.

Who: Female, 6 months clean Contact: Lisa P. 970-214-2858

Where: Phoenix Center - Henderson, CO

Address: 803 I-76

When: 2nd & 4th Monday at 7:30

Who: Males, 6 mos clean, no former clients

Contact: Jay Mc. 720-333-2934

Where: Peer One Outpatient - Denver
Address: 1717 York St 80206
When: 1st & 3rd Friday, 6:00pm-7:00pm
Who: Closed Meeting, Coed, 6 months clean

Contact: Michael G. 303-588-0111

Where: Peer 1 - Mens at Fort Logan - Denver
Address: 3732 W. Princeton Circle 80236
When: Every Tuesday at 7:00pm-8:00pm

Who: Men, 6 months clean time Contact: Tim H. 303-601-2582

Where: <u>Denver Cares (Cherokee House) - Denver</u>
Address: 1155 Cherokee 80204

When: 2nd & 4th Monday at 8:00pm

Who: Men & Women

Contact: Michael Y. 720-495-1816

Where: <u>VA Hospital Denver</u> 80220 Address: 1055 Clermont St., 3rd Floor

When: Every Wednesday at 12:00pm-1:00+B33pm

Who: Men & Women

Contact: Dennis C. 303-805-8525

Where: Synergy (Boy's Youth) at Fort Logan - Denver Address: 3660 W. Princeton Circle 80236

When: Every Thursday at 6:30pm-7:30pm

Who: Men, 6 months clean time Contact: Shane 720-629-4382

Where: Wright Center - Wheat Ridge, CO 80033

Address: 6195 W. 38th Ave

When: 2nd & 4th Wednesday at 8:15pm-9:15pm

Who: Coed, 6 m

Contact: Valery M. 303-594-7682

Where: Stout Street Foundation - Commerce City

Address: 7251 E. 49th Ave 80022 When: 2nd Saturday - 6:30pm-7:30pm

Who: Men & Women

Contact: Dennis C. 303-805-8525

No Clean Time Requirements

Where: <u>Denver County Drug Court - (Downtown Denver)</u> Location: 1437 Bannock St., 2nd Floor, Rm 209 80202

When: 1st Tuesday of month 6:00pm-7:00pm

Who: Male/Female

Contact: Michelle W. 720-404-7076

"We keep what we have by giving it away"

MILE HIGH AREA OF NARCOTICS ANONYMOUS

H&I NEEDS VOLUNTEERS

THE HOSPITALS & INSTITUTIONS SUBCOMMITTEE IS HOLDING A TRAINING CLASS. WE HAVE SEVERAL FACILITIES (PRISONS, JAILS, TREATMENT CENTERS, ETC.) THAT NEED PEOPLE TO HELP CARRY A MESSAGE OF RECOVERY.

THE NEXT TRAINING WILL BE HELD ON

SUNDAY, MAY 10, 2009 5:00 - 6:30 PM 1212 Mariposa Street

(Where the Area meeting is held - Near Colfax and Speer Blvd)

If you have questions or can't make the training but want to get involved in H&I – please contact:

Mile High Area H&I Chair, Valery M. @ 303-594-7682